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ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
MORAVIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
SEPTEMBER 28, 1911.

The following brethren were present: Rev. H. A. Jacobson, Rev. Edw. T. Kluge, Rev. Dr. Paul de Schweinitz, Rt. Rev. M. W. Leibert, Abraham S. Schropp, Wm. V. Knauss, M. A. Borhek, F. C. Stout, Chas. E. W. Harvey, S. R. Odenwelder, F. H. Martin, A. O. Sturgis, Rev. John Greenfield, R. O. Beitel, H. H. Hacker, Wm. H. Milchsack, Aug. H. Leibert, Robt. E. Shafer, Eugene Brunner, Frank Kunkel, and Rev. H. W. Roth, an associate member (21).

The meeting was called to order at 10 A.M. by the President, Rev. H. A. Jacobson.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and, on motion, approved after a correction was made.

The Treasurer's report was, on motion, approved, an abstract to be spread upon the minutes. Summary of the report:

Receipts	$1732 09
Expenditures	1459 25
Cash on Hand	$ 272 84
Trust Funds	$5518 64
Investments	5510 88
Excess of Liabilities	267 95

The Secretary read his report, which was approved.

All the monuments, of which reports were received, are in good condition, except the one at Wyalusing, on which the lettering has become illegible. A resolution was adopted, instructing the Executive Board to replace the inscriptions on said monument with a tablet of durable material.

The Rev. Paul de Schweinitz reported that he had visited the Goshen graveyard and found the place in good condition, including the Zeisberger Memorial. The Society has three hun-

dred and forty-seven members, of whom one hundred and eleven are life, and two hundred and thirty-six active and associate.

The Rev. E. T. Kluge resigned as Librarian, owing to advanced age, he being almost eighty years old, and his action was accepted with regret. The following minute was adopted: "The Society hears, with sincere regret, that, on acocunt of the infirmities of age, our efficient Librarian, the Rev. E. T. Kluge, cannot accept re-election, and we desire to place on record our hearty appreciation of his services during the past nine years."

The Librarian reported the following named list of donations, books and other articles received during the year:

1. A view of Nazareth, probably painted by Benedict Benade, a son of Bishop Benade. Presented by the family of the late James Henry.

2. Report of the Valley Forge Park Commission for 1910. John W. Jordan.

3. From Christmas at Moravian Bethlehem and Oberammergau. John W. Jordan.

4. Bacon as Shakespeare. From the John McBride Co.

5. A window pane on which is written the name of Christian Frederick Post, taken from the old pottery in Bethlehem. Emil J. Bishop.

6. Report of the Kittatinny Historical Society. From the Society, Chambersburg, Pa.

7. The formal opening of the new fire-proof building of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, April 6 and 7, 1910. John W. Jordan.

8. The Quarterly Publication of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio.

9. An old letter from Christoph Francke to George Neisser, dated January, 1776, Lititz. This was used in binding a book and was presented by John W. Jordan.

10. A History of Nazareth Hall by Mr. H. H. Hacker. Presented by the author.

11. David Zeisberger's History of the North American Indians by Profs. Hulbert and Schwarze. Presented by Prof. Schwarze.

12. The English House of George Washington, with extracts from the London *Daily Chronicle*, protesting against the possibility of the removal of these substantial buildings to the United States by multi-millionaires of our country. J. F. Pemsel.

13. A copy of a number of hymns and poems by Bishop Matthew Hale and others, written for special festive occasions at Graceham, Md., and other places. A. L. Oerter.

14. Owen Rice, a history of his life and career, by Ethan Allen Weaver. By the author.

15. Moravian Missions, 1911. Presented by the Librarian.

The Librarian communicated a letter from the Rev. A. L. Oerter, of Graceham, Md., who stated that he has in preparation a history of Graceham, Md., which manuscript will be offered the Society for publication. On motion, the proposition to publish this history was referred to the Publication Committee, with a favorable recommendation.

The election of officers, to serve during the ensuing year, followed. The list showed present vacancies of three Vice-Presidents and one Librarian. Mr. Abraham S. Schropp nominated Dr. John W. Jordan, G. A. Schneebeli and Frank C. Stout for Vice-Presidents, and S. R. Odenwelder for Librarian. Mr. Hacker was nominated for Librarian, but withdrew before the ballot was cast. On motion, Wm. H. Milchsack was authorized to cast the ballot to elect the officers.

Before the ballot was cast, a discussion arose; the argument advanced being that the Board of Managers and the Library Committee are not called on to perform any duties, therefore it was unnecessary to have said committees. The subject was finally disposed of by the adoption of the following resolution: "*Resolved*, That the Executive Board be instructed to take into consideration the revising of the list of officers of the Society."

Mr. Milchsack then cast the ballot, the following being elected:

President, Rev. Henry A. Jacobson.

Vice-Presidents, Rev. Edw. T. Kluge, Rt. Rev. M. W. Leibert, Rev. A. D. Thaeler, Rt. Rev. C. L. Moench, Abraham S. Schropp, Abraham R. Beck, Rev. Wm. N. Schwarze, G. A. Schneebeli, Dr. John W. Jordan, Dr. A. G. Rau.

Secretary and Treasurer, Frank Kunkel.

Librarian, Samuel R. Odenwelder.

Board of Managers, Granville Henry, Wm. V. Knauss, A. H. Leibert, Frank C. Stout, R. O. Beitel.

Library Committee, Rev. Dr. Paul de Schweinitz, Rev. John Greenfield, Dr. John W. Jordan, Abraham S. Schropp, John F. Bardill, Theodore Kampmann.

Publication Committee, Rev. Dr. W. N. Schwarze, Dr. A. G. Rau, Harry J. Meyers.

Graveyard Committee, G. A. Schneebeli, S. R. Odenwelder, F. H. Martin, H. H. Hacker.

On motion of Wm. V. Knauss, it was ordered that the sum of fifty dollars be paid the Secretary and Treasurer, and thirty dollars to the Librarian, for their services in 1911.

The Society took a recess, to allow the Executive Board time to elect the Rev. Edmund de S. Brunner a life member, and the Rev. Wm. H. Fluck an active member, after which adjournment was taken to the afternoon session.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At two o'clock, a bell was rung as a signal for the guests to take seats at the tables arranged for the occasion. The President, Rev. Henry A. Jacobson, called on the company to rise and sing grace—"What praise to Thee, my Saviour."

The spread was similar to those of previous years—rye bread, sugar cake and coffee being predominant. Having given sufficient time to enjoy the eatables, the President called the assemblage to order and read the names of those members who died since the last annual meeting, as follows:

Frederick J. Rice, William Henry Jordan, Charles E. Leibert, Mrs. Charles E. Leibert, Rev. William Henry Rice, Mrs. Weston Dodson, Mrs. Louisa E. Borhek, Rev. Charles B. Shultz, C. Otto Brunner, and Francis Jordan.

In memory of those members the company rose and sang the verse, "They with patience having run."

The first paper, entitled "Reminiscences of Sixty Years Ago," being brief, was read by the President, which was followed by a

second, also compiled and communicated by the President, entitled "The Nazareth Market House and Engine House."

After the singing of the verse, "What can we offer Thee, O Lord," Dr. Schultze read two letters, written by the Rev. Matthew Rights to his son, in 1782 and 1792, and another paper entitled "Some Observations on Things Noteworthy Around Nazareth in 1801."

Prof. H. H. Hacker, of Nazareth Hall, read some quaint directions issued May 1, 1806, by George Huber, the Bethlehem postmaster.

After the singing of another hymn, the President called on the Rev. Dr. S. J. Blum, who related several incidents recorded in the York Church diaries, and then called on the Rev. H. W. Roth, of Greenville, Pa., who spoke briefly of his Moravian ancestry.

On motion, the President was chosen to prepare a minute in memory of the late C. Otto Brunner, a life-long member of the Society, and one of its vice-presidents. The minute follows:

"For the third time within a year, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Moravian Historical Society has been removed by death from the scene of his earthly labors. Brother C. Otto Brunner departed this life on last September 7, in his 81st year. He was a member of the Bethlehem Moravian Congregation throughout his long life, and especially during the last thirty years he was closely identified with the official supervision of the affairs of this Congregation or the Church-at-large. For about twenty years he served as a member of the Moravian Parochial School Board; for twenty years as a member of the Board of Elders; for twenty-seven years as Treasurer of the Alaska Auxiliary Society; for thirteen years as a member of the Advisory Finance Board; for thirty years as Director of the Society for Propagating the Gospel Among the Heathen, and he represented the Bethlehem Congregation at three Provincial Synods. When the Bethlehem Iron Company was organized he was its first local official, and he remained in the employ of this company and its successor, the Bethlehem Steel Company, for 41 years; for the last 31 years of his service he filled the office of Treasurer of that Company.

"Brother Brunner joined the Moravian Historical Society in 1869 and was always interested in its affairs. In 1895, he was elected one of the Vice-Presidents, and he held this office at the time of his death. Though a life-long resident of Bethlehem, yet a number of his ancestors had resided in Nazareth, and thus he became well acquainted with the early and modern conditions of both these communities. He was especially well informed concerning the unwritten traditions of former times, both local and general, secular and religious. Combining with this knowledge a wide acquaintance with public affairs, as well as with noted industrial leaders, he was a valued member of the Executive Committee of this Society, and his counsel was frequently in demand.

"The members of the Moravian Historical Society desire herewith to express their high regard for Bro. Brunner, both as a loyal member of the Moravian Church, and as a faithful officer of this Society. They also request that a copy of this minute be sent to the members of his family, and that it be recorded as part of the proceedings of this annual meeting."

The Secretary read abstracts of the reports from the Secretary and Treasurer, and the Librarian the list of donations received during 1911. A vote of thanks was tendered to the Rev. E. T. Kluge for his faithfulness as Librarian during the past nine years.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 o'clock, after singing "We in one covenant are joined."

FRANK KUNKEL, *Secretary.*